

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application.

In the specification, a paragraph has been added on page 1.

Claims 18 and 19 are requested to be cancelled.

Claims 9 and 17 are currently amended in order to eliminate multiple dependency.

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

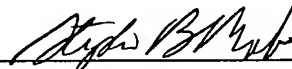
After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-17 are now pending in this application.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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